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CONSTITUTIONS  
OF THE  
GRAND AND SUBORDINATE LODGES  
INDEPENDENT ORDER  
OF  
GOOD TEMPLARS  
FOR  
NOVA SCOTIA. *Revised*

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## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

**REGALIA.**—"The regalia of the order shall be collars about twenty-two inches in length, maximum, and about sixteen inches, minimum; narrow at the neck, and wide at the bottom, with the outer corner rounded off. The first, or initiatory degree, shall be white; the second, or degree of Fidelity, shall be blue; the third, or degree of Charity, shall be purple. Officers of Subordinate Lodge, scarlet, with lace or fringe; officers of Degree Lodge or Temple, purple; Deputies, purple; Grand Lodge Degree, scarlet; officers and members of the R. W. G. Lodge, scarlet, with a small purple collar or band attached."—*R. W. G. L. bye-law 27*. All lodges must provide themselves with regalia of the form prescribed above. The quality and amount of trimming is left to the lodge, or its members. Any member may wear at any private meeting of the Order the regalia of the highest degree or position to which he has attained; but officers of Sub Lodge or Degree Temple, must wear the regalia of such office while serving in it. It is not proper to wear any letters on Second or Third Degree Regalia, except for Acting or Past L. Ds., S. Ds., or P. Ds., or for Officers of Degree Temples. No letters of office can legally be worn upon any Regalia other than that which corresponds in colour to the office indicated by such letters. Regalia may not be worn in public, except by special dispensation of the D. G. W. C. T. of the lodge.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**—Nominations should be seconded, and should not close while any member desires to nominate. It is not necessary that all Sub Lodge officers be full degree members. Voting should be by written ballots. All the candidates for any one office should be voted upon together, they retiring the while. A majority of all votes is necessary to elect. Thus, if A obtain 12 votes, B 10, and C 20, C would *not* be elected, seeing he has not a majority of the 42 votes cast. The three should be balloted for again; or, on motion, the lowest (B) should be dropped, and the ballot again taken between A and C. The W. C. T. generally appoints the proposers of candidates to scrutinise the votes—two reading them out and a third acting as clerk, to record the votes cast. All the officers must be installed at the same time, as there cannot be two installations at commencement of quarter. Officers re-elected must be re-installed. After the third term, no member is eligible for the offices of W. C. T., and W. V. T., who has not served one term in office. Serving on a committee is not equivalent. Vacancies may be filled at any time, and the person filling the office at the end of the term shall receive the honours of that term. A violation of pledge works a forfeiture of office, titles, and degrees.

*All officers and deputies must salute on entering or retiring, except when ordered to retire to ante-room on special duty, when they may do so without saluting, and be re-admitted without the password. In re-entering they salute the W. C. T. from centre of room, and report.*



INDEPENDENT ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS.

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This Certifies

That \_\_\_\_\_ was Initiated into  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_ located in  
\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_ 187 .

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

W. Secretary.

## AN ACT

### To incorporate the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges of the Independent Order of Good Templars of Nova Scotia.

*(Passed the 10th day of June, A. D., 1869.)*

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows

1. Charles Edward Ratchford, Robert Forman, Wm. F. Cutten, Henry C. Upham, Harriet J. O'Brien, Delia S. Crane, E. Trueman McRobert, Harriet E. Layton, Annie Murray, Christopher Hodgson, Thaddeus Hodgson, George Dimock, and Chandler Crane, and their associate members of the Grand Temple or Lodge of the Order of Good Templars in this Province, and such other persons as shall become members of such Temple or Lodge, according to the rules and bye-laws thereof, are hereby created a body corporate by the name of the "Grand Temple or Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars of Nova Scotia," for the purpose of managing the pecuniary affairs of the Grand Temple or Lodge.

2. The Corporation may hold Real Estate not exceeding the value of Eight thousand dollars.

3. Every Subordinate Temple or Lodge now instituted or which may hereafter be instituted within the Province may in the manner hereafter specified become a body corporate, by the name, number, and place of location, by which it is or may be designated in the order, but no Subordinate Temple or Lodge shall hold real estate of a greater value than the sum of four thousand dollars.

4. Every Subordinate Temple or Lodge, which may be desirous of becoming incorporated may by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting (of the intention to propose which vote, two weeks notice at least shall be given in regular meeting of such Subordinate Temple or Lodge in writing) decide to become so incorporated and upon a copy of the vote of such Temple or Lodge specifying also the name, number and place of location of such subordinate Temple or Lodge, and the names of not less than ten of the members thereof under the seal of such subordinate Temple or Lodge, and the signatures of its presiding Officer and Secretary, together with a certificate of the Grand Temple or Lodge under its corporate seal, and the signature of its presiding Officer and Secretary, that such subordinate Temple or Lodge is in full standing in the Order being filed in the office of the Secretary of the Province, the members of such subordinate Temple or Lodge whose names may be included in such vote and

their associate members of the Temple or Lodge, and such other persons as may become members thereof shall be from the time of filing such certificate a body corporate for the purpose before mentioned by the style, or name, number and place of location thereof.

5. Upon the passing of this Act the property of the Grand Temple or Lodge, whether real or personal, and all debts due thereof shall rest in the Grand Temple or Lodge, as hereby incorporated and upon the incorporation of any subordinate Temple or Lodge, the real and personal property thereof, and all debts due thereto, shall rest in the corporation so established.

6. No member of any Temple or Lodge so incorporated shall have power to assign or transfer to any person whomsoever any interest, which he may have to or in the funds or property of the Temple or Lodge, but the same shall remain at all times under the control of the Temple or Lodge, and no property or stock of any kind belonging to any such incorporated subordinate Temple or Lodge shall be subject to the private debts of any of its members, nor be able to be taken in execution by any judgment, creditor, against any individual member, the Temple or Lodge.

7. The property of every subordinate Temple or Lodge when incorporated shall alone be responsible for the debts and engagements of the Temple or Lodge.

8. Upon the dissolution of any subordinate Temple or Lodge so incorporated the property held by it at the time of the dissolution which shall not have been disposed of by the Temple or Lodge in accordance with the bye-laws, shall be forthwith vested in the Grand Temple or Lodge, to be applied thereby, first to the payment of any debts or liabilities of such dissolved Subordinate Temple or Lodge, and the balance, if any, in such manner as the Grand Temple or Lodge may deem best for the general interests of the Order in this Province.

9. The Eighty-seventh Chapter of the Revised Statutes except in so far as inconsistent with this Act shall extend to the Grand Temple or Lodge thereby incorporated, and to such Subordinate Temples or Lodges as may hereafter become incorporated under this Act.

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## GENERAL RULES.

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To avoid ambiguity of expression, the masculine form of the pronoun is used in the following pages, and generally in all Good Templar publications ; but it is in all cases to be construed as referring to either sex, according to circumstances.

No person can be admitted to membership in this Order unless he believes in the existence of Almighty God, as the Ruler and Governor of all things, *and is willing to take our pledge for life* ; under this rule we welcome all classes to our order. The young—that we may save them from falling into the snares of the tempter ; the inebriate, *who earnestly desires to reform*—that we may assist him to break the chains of appetite that bind him to the car of ruin ; the moral and social—that, by uniting all these elements of society, we may the better advance the cause of Temperance and Morality.

## INDEPENDENT ORDER GOOD TEMPLARS.

### OUR LIFE PLEDGE.

"No member shall make, buy, sell, use, furnish or cause to be furnished to others as a beverage, any spirituous or malt liquors, wine or cider; and every member shall discountenance the manufacture, sale and use thereof in all proper ways."

### OUR PRINCIPLES.

*(Adopted by the R. W. G. L. in 1859.)*

1. Total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage.
2. No license in any form or under any circumstances, for the sale of liquors to be used as a beverage.
3. The absolute Prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors for such purposes—prohibition by the will of the people, expressed in the form of the law, with the penalties deserved for a crime of such enormity.
4. The creation of a healthy public opinion upon the subject, by the active dissemination of truth in all the modes known to an enlightened philanthropy.
5. The election of good, honest men to administer the law.
6. Persistence in efforts to save individuals and communities from so direful a scourge against all forms of opposition and difficulty until our success is complete and universal.
7. WHEREAS, There are Physicians at the present day, who freely prescribe Spirituous and Malt Liquors in their practice, contrary to the testimony of the ablest Medical men and Chemists of this and former times; and

WHEREAS, Such practice have become so prevalent, that drinking habits and customs are being created and revived, under the spacious and deceptive terms of "Tonics," "Panaceas," "Cordials," etc.; therefore

*Resolved*, "That as Representatives of the Good Templars of this Continent, we cannot too strongly reprobate these customs, and disavow entirely the idea of alcohol possessing Medicinal virtues, in whatever form presented."—*R. W. G. Lodge, 10th Session.*

8. WHEREAS, This R. W. G. Lodge has repeatedly affirmed, in its platform of principles, its unalterable devotion to the objects of Prohibition; therefore

*Resolved*, "That in the opinion of this R. W. G. Lodge, the education of the people is all that is required to carry the principle triumphantly, and for this purpose the surest and most ready means is, for Temperance men to act politically, and carry this subject immediately to the ballot-box."—*R. W. G. Lodge, 11th Session.*

9. To what does the following resolution, which was adopted by the R. W. G. Lodge, at its last session, refer, and to what does it commit us as an order?

*Resolved*, "That in the opinion of this R. W. G. Lodge, the education of the people is all that is required to carry this principle triumphantly, and for this purpose the surest and most ready means is, for the Temperance men to act politically, and carry this subject immediately to the ballot-box."

Ans.—It commits the Order to no new policy: it simply means that, other qualifications being equal, the friends of the Temperance Reform should be supported by Temperance men with their votes.  
—*Chase's Digest, 10th Edition, page 275.*

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# CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

## ARTICLE I.

### NAME—JURISDICTION—MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.—*Name.* This Lodge shall be entitled the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, of the Independent Order of Good Templars.

SEC 2.—*Jurisdiction.* This Grand Lodge shall have jurisdiction over all Subordinate and County Lodges, and Degree Temples of Good Templars now existing, or which may hereafter exist in the Province of Nova Scotia, and any Province that may be placed under its jurisdiction by the R. W. Grand Lodge. It shall have the sole right and power to grant, suspend or revoke Charters; to originate and regulate the means of its own support; and to receive and decide appeals, and determine all questions of law and usage, subject to the R. W. G. Lodge.

SEC. 3.—*The Members* of this body shall be its Officers and past Officers, Representatives and past Representatives, who are contributing members of the several Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, and who have taken the Grand Lodge Degree, and been admitted as required by this Constitution.

SEC. 4.—*Representatives.* Each Lodge composed of not more than *fifty* members, shall be entitled to *one* Representative; over fifty and not exceeding *one hundred* members, *two* Representatives; exceeding one hundred, and not exceeding *two hundred* members, *three* Representatives; exceeding two hundred members *four* Representatives. No Lodge shall be entitled to more than four Representatives, and any member shall be eligible to election as Representative. Alternate Representatives may be chosen, who shall, in the absence of the regular, exercise all the functions and be entitled to equal honors as though they had been elected regular Representatives.

SEC. 5. *Election and Time of Service.* The regular election of Representatives shall be held at the first regular meeting in the quarter during which the annual session of the Grand Lodge is held. Written ballots shall be used, and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. If the Lodge fail to elect at the regular time, or if vacancies occur, or a Lodge is entitled to additional Representatives previous to any session, an election may be had at any regular meeting before such session. The regular term of service shall be one year; but those elected to fill vacancies, and such additional representatives as may be elected



prior to other than annual sessions, shall serve only until the next annual election. No Lodge can be represented by any but its own members, and a transfer of membership shall vacate a Representative's seat.

SEC. 6.—*Privileges of Grand Lodge.* All acting and past Worthy Chief Templars, acting and past Worthy Vice Templars, and all Deputies of the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, shall be entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree, and all the privileges of membership in this Grand Lodge, except voting, provided that they are in good standing in their several Lodges, and present the proper credentials.

SEC. 7.—*Credentials.* All Representatives shall receive regularly attested certificates of election to this body. All members entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree, under Section 6, shall receive certificates of service in their respective offices, from the Lodge in which said services were rendered, and this shall be their proper credentials entitling them to seats in this Lodge, and the Grand Worthy Chief Templar's commission shall be the requisite credentials of Deputies. But no Representatives or non-voting members can be admitted unless they are full degree members and in possession of the current quarterly pass-word.

SEC. 8.—*Voting.* All members, under section 3 of this Article, shall be eligible to office, be permitted to take part in the proceedings and debates of the Grand Lodge, and may vote on all questions except those requiring to be taken by ballot, and when the yeas and nays are called, on which questions *representatives* only shall be allowed to vote.

## ARTICLE II.

### SESSIONS.

SEC. 1.—The Annual Session of this Lodge shall commence on the first Tuesday of July in each year, at 7 o'clock, P. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall have designated by ballot. Special meetings may be called by the Grand Worthy Secretary, when ordered by the Grand Worthy Chief Templar; and shall be so called, on written application of ten members, representing at least seven Lodges. No session shall be open for general business unless at least seven Lodges are represented, but a smaller number may open, act on the credentials of members, confer the Grand Lodge Degree, and adjourn from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

## ARTICLE III.

### OFFICERS.

SEC. 1.—*The Officers* of this Lodge shall be: 1st, Grand Worthy Chief Templar; 2d, Grand Worthy Counsellor; 3d, Grand Vice Templar; 4th, Grand Secretary; 5th, Grand Treasurer; 6th, Grand Chaplain; 7th, Grand Marshall; 8th, Grand Guard; 9th, Grand Sentinel; 10th, Assistant Grand Secretary; 11th, Deputy Grand Marshall. They all shall be elected by the Grand Lodge, who may also elect a Grand Messenger, if desired. The Grand Worthy Chief Templar shall appoint, from time to time, such members for Pro-

vincial, District, County, Special, and Lodge Deputies, as the interests of the Order may seem to require.

SEC. 2.—The regular election of Grand Officers shall be by ballot on the second day of each annual session. The nominations for each office shall be followed by the election of the same, before the nominations for the next, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. All Officers, unless removed according to the provisions of this Constitution, shall hold their seats until their successors are installed.

SEC. 3.—Vacancies in any office may be filled at any session, and in case the office of Grand Secretary becomes vacant, the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, by consent of the Grand Council, shall appoint a member of the Grand Lodge to act in said office until the next session, when the vacancy shall be filled by election, and such appointed officer shall receive the regular salary for the term of such service.

SEC. 4.—*Penalties.* This Grand Lodge may place on trial and remove any officer for dereliction of duty and improper conduct by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. It may enforce upon its members any penalty, to the extent of expulsion, for a violation of the Constitution, Rules, Obligations, or any principles of the Order.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1.—The Grand Worthy Chief Templar shall be the chief executive officer of this Grand Lodge, and of the Order of Good Templars for the Province of Nova Scotia. He shall preside at all its sessions, preserve order, enforce a proper observance of the laws and usages of this body, decide questions of doubt or difficulty, whenever properly submitted, appoint such officers and committees as the Constitution or usages may require, provide for the institution of new Lodges, and the general prosperity of the Order. He shall be clothed with the power and provided with the means necessary to the thorough and faithful discharge of his duties, submit at each session a full written report of the work done by himself or deputies, all decisions made, the condition of the Order, its prospects and requirements for the future, and shall discharge such other duties as the interests of the Order require.

SEC. 2.—The Grand Worthy Counsellor shall assist the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, preside in his absence or disability, and in case of its vacancy assume that office and perform its duties until the next session, when a Grand Worthy Chief Templar will be elected.

SEC. 3.—The Grand Worthy Vice Templar shall render such assistance to the Grand Worthy Chief Templar as may be required, have charge of the doors and ante-rooms of the Grand Lodge, and direct the admission of members. In case the office of Grand Worthy Counsellor becomes vacant, he shall assume and perform the duties of the office, and in the absence of the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, and Grand Worthy Counsellor, shall preside, and in case of vacancies in both these offices, shall act as Grand Worthy

Chief Templar, until the succeeding session, when they shall be filled by election.

SEC. 4.—The Grand Secretary shall be the recording and corresponding officer of the Grand Lodge. He shall keep a correct record of all its proceedings and of those of the Grand Council, also of the returns of Subordinate Lodges, notify all Subordinate Lodges of the action of this body, furnish them with such instructions, blanks, etc., as may be necessary for their correct working, and furnish for publication the "Journal of Proceedings," and an abstract of returns immediately after each session. He shall be Chairman of the Committee on Returns and Credentials, with power to make or direct necessary corrections. He shall keep the financial accounts of this Grand Lodge, receive its moneys, and pass the same over to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt; but may, when it becomes necessary to make immediate use of the money, pay it upon the order of the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, and place the order in the hands of the Grand Treasurer. At the end of his term, and also at every session, he shall present a full written report of the business of his office, with all the information in his possession relative to the condition of the Order. He shall prepare and publish the "Journal of Proceedings," Blank Returns, Credentials, Certificates, Circulars, Pass-Words and such other matter as the Grand Lodge shall direct, or the interests of the Order require.

SEC. 5.—The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys, securities, and vouchers of the Grand Lodge. and pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Worthy Chief Templar and Grand Secretary, and shall keep an accurate account of his receipts and expenditures, and make a full report in writing at each regular session.

SEC. 6.—The Grand Messenger shall act as Janitor to the Hall, keep the room and regalia in order, and convey messages.

SEC. 7.—All Grand Officers shall discharge such duties as may be required by the Ritual or usages of the Order, or by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 8.—On the night of meeting, previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, in each year, each Subordinate Lodge shall elect one of its members for Lodge Deputy, and forward a certificate of said election at once to the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 9.—Each Lodge Deputy shall instruct the Lodge under his charge in the work, and enforce obedience to the rules and usages of the Order, collect all taxes, assessments, bills and returns due the Grand Lodge, and immediately forward them to the Grand Secretary, install officers, and impart the Pass-Words when the quarterly returns and Grand Lodge tax are placed in his hands, and not otherwise; he shall grant such dispensations as may be authorized by the laws of the Order, and at the close of each quarter furnish the Grand Worthy Chief Templar with a report of his proceedings and the condition of the Lodge. He shall perform such other duties as are specified in his Commission.

SEC. 10.—*The Executive Committee* shall be composed of the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, Grand Worthy Counsellor, G. W. V. Templar, Grand Worthy Secretary, and Grand Worthy Treasurer. They shall have power to grant and revoke Charters; and in the



recess of the Grand Lodge, shall exercise the power of that body but all their acts shall be subject to be set aside, or revised by the Grand Lodge.

## ARTICLE V.

## COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1.—The Grand Worthy Chief Templar shall appoint at each annual session of the Grand Lodge the following Committees, to consist of five each, viz :—Committee on Appeals, Committee on Finance, Committee on Credentials and Returns, Committee on State of the Order, Committee on Constitutions, and Committee on Correspondence.

SEC. 2.—The Committee on Credentials and Returns shall examine and report upon all Returns, Credentials, and claims for seats submitted to them.

SEC. 3.—The Committee on Appeals shall receive all appeals that may be presented to the Grand Lodge, and report thereon in writing. They shall receive the testimony adduced by the Deputy, and no other.

SEC. 4.—The Committee on the State of the Order shall, at each session of the Grand Lodge, submit a report containing such information as they may deem interesting or instructive. They shall take charge of such reports of officers, resolutions, petitions, etc., as may be referred to them, and recommend such measures as in their judgment will best promote the interests of the Order.

SEC. 5.—The Committee on Finance shall examine, audit, and report upon all bills and claims presented, and the books and accounts of the officers; at each session report in writing the state of the finances, and at each annual session recommend such measures of finance as they may deem necessary.

SEC. 6.—The Committee on Constitutions shall examine and report upon all amendments to the standing Rules and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge; also examine and report upon all By-Laws and standing Rules of Subordinate Lodges, and upon all amendments thereto.

SEC. 7.—The Committee on Correspondence shall examine and report on the correspondence of the G. W. C. Templar and G. W. Secretary.

## ARTICLE VI.

## REVENUE.

SEC. 1.—The revenue of this body shall be derived from Charter fees, and supplies required by Subordinate Lodges, and such *per capita* tax upon the membership of subordinate Lodges as may be determined and voted at the annual session of the Grand Lodge, and such special assessments as may be imposed by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge at a regular session.

SEC. 2.—*Charter Fees.* The Fee for Charter and set of Books and Cards shall not be less than eight dollars.

## ARTICLE VII.

## SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SEC. 1.—*Charters.* On the written application of ten or more persons, not less than sixteen years of age, in good standing in any community, the Grand Worthy Chief Templar and Grand Secretary may grant a Charter, and designate a Deputy to institute the Lodge, and instruct the members in the work of the Order; provided, however, that no application emanating from a City, Town, or Village in which a Lodge shall then exist, shall be granted without the consent of such Lodges, or, if there be more than one Lodge, without the consent of one of such Lodge, except by vote of the Executive Committee, or Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2.—*Memorials, Petitions, Appeals.* All members of Subordinate Lodges shall have the right to memorialize or petition this Grand Lodge; also to appeal from the decision of the Worthy Chief Templar or Subordinate Lodge, to the District Deputy, and if there be no District Deputy, or if his decision is unsatisfactory, then appeals may be taken to the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, or Grand Lodge, and these rights shall not be abridged by reason of informality.

SEC. 3.—*Returns.* All Subordinate Lodges shall make returns at the end of each quarter as full as the forms provided for them permit, and a failure to make such returns for one year shall work a forfeiture of Charter. Deputies instituting new Lodges shall also make full returns according to the forms provided them.

SEC. 4.—*Surrender of Charter and Books.* The person having in custody the Charter and Books of any Lodge, shall surrender them to the Deputy at any time when ordered to do so by the Executive Committee.

SEC. 5.—*Offences.* The Executive Committee, on being informed that any Lodge has violated any of the laws of the Order, or is so conducting as to bring reproach upon the Order, shall at once investigate the case; and if they find the charges sustained, take such measures as they may deem necessary to punish the Lodge and protect the Order. But the Lodge may appeal from the action of the Grand Council to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6.—*Certificates.* Members of an extinct Lodge, in good standing at the time of its demise, may, at any time within twelve months afterwards, receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate under his hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge, which shall serve the purpose of a Clearance Card; provided the Grand Secretary may, for good reasons, refuse to grant a certificate to any member, subject to the decision of the Grand Council.

SEC. 8.—*Restoring Charters.* At any time within one year from the surrender of a Charter, the Grand Council may, if they deem it expedient, on such terms as they may determine, restore the Charter on petition of ten persons who were members of the Lodge in good standing at the time of the surrender.

ARTICLE VIII.

JOURNAL, SALARIES, BONDS.

SEC. 1.—*Journal.* The reports of Officers and Committees, with the approved decisions of the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, and an abstract of returns, shall be published with the "Journal of Proceedings."

SEC. 2.—*Salaries.* The Grand Worthy Chief Templar and Grand Secretary shall be entitled to such salary or remuneration for their services as may from time to time be voted by this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3.—*Bonds.* The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall, each, prior to installation, execute to the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, Grand Worthy Counsellor, and Grand Vice Templar by-names, and to their successors in office, a bond, in such sum as the Grand Lodge may name, with two approved sureties, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their duties, rendering just and true accounts, just payments of all funds coming into their hands, and immediate delivery of all moneys and property belonging to this Grand Lodge at the close of their term of office.

ARTICLE IX.

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 1.—*By-Laws.* This Grand Lodge may, at any regular session, adopt such By-Laws, Rules of Order, or order of business, as may be found necessary, which do not conflict with this Constitution, or that of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge; provided that said By-Laws, Rules of Order and all amendments or additions thereto shall first receive the approval of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, or, in the interim between sessions, the approval of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

SEC. 2.—*Amendments.* This Constitution and the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, shall be altered or amended only by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge, after said amendment shall have been recommended by the Committee on Constitutions, and shall have been laid over for one year.



## ORDER OF BUSINESS

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## RULES OF ORDER OF THE GRAND LODGE.

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1.—The following shall be the order of business at each session :

- a. Opening the Grand Lodge in due form.
- b. Reading, correction, and adoption of the minutes of the last preceding regular meeting, also the minutes of all special meetings.  
Reports on Credentials of new members, and initiations of the same.
- d. Transaction of such business as by special vote of a preceding meeting may have been ordered to be taken up after the initiation of new members.
- e. Hearing and disposing of reports of Officers, commencing with the G. W. C. T.
- f. Reception of Petitions and Communications.
- g. Reports of Standing Committees, in the order in which they occur in *Sec. 1. Art. V.* of the Constitution, and disposition of the same.
- h. Reports of Special Committees, by seniority, and disposition of the same.
- i. Unfinished and deferred business.
- j. New business.
- k. Good of the Order.

2.—Should the foregoing Order of Business not be completed at one meeting of a Session, the order shall be resumed at the next meeting where it stopped at the previous meeting, except that the first five branches of the foregoing Order shall be called at each meeting.

3.—All documents requiring to go before a standing Committee shall be referred to the same by the G. W. S. at each session as soon as received, without reading. A brief note of such reference shall be made on the minutes or in his next report.

4.—Every member desiring to address the Grand Lodge shall arise and address the G. W. C. T.

5.—The name of a member shall not be used in debate, but he shall be designated by the office he holds, or as the Representative of his Lodge.

6.—The wearing of Regalia shall be optional in a meeting of the Grand Lodge.

7.—The G. W. C. T., while presiding shall state every question coming before the Grand Lodge, before suffering debate thereon :

and immediately before putting it to vote shall ask, "Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?" Should no member rise to speak, and the Grand Lodge indicate their readiness, he shall rise to take the question, and, after he has risen, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it.

8.—When the decision of the G. W. C. T. on points of order is appealed from, he shall state his decision, and the reason therefor, from the chair. The party appealing shall then briefly state the reasons for the appeal, after which, without further debate, the question shall be put thus, "Will the Grand Lodge stand by the chair in its decision?"

9.—Every person while speaking shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoid all personal and indecorous language, as well as any reflection on the Grand Lodge or its members.

10.—Should two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the chair shall decide who shall have the floor.

11.—No member shall disturb another in his speech, except to call him to order for words spoken.

12.—If a member while speaking shall be called to order at the request of the chair, he shall cease speaking, and take his seat until the question of order is determined; when, if permitted, he may again proceed.

13.—No member shall speak more than once on the same question until all the members wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without permission of the chair. No member shall speak more than ten minutes on any question at one time without the special permission of the Grand Lodge.

14.—All resolutions and motions, except the first six in Rule 17th, shall be reduced to writing before the G. W. C. T. shall state the same to the Grand Lodge.

15.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

16.—Any member may call for a division of the question when the sense will admit of it.

17.—When a question is before the Grand Lodge no motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, to close debate, to take the previous question, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a definite time, to refer or to amend. They shall have precedence in the order herein arranged, the first four of which shall be decided without debate.

18.—If a motion to adjourn is adopted, and the Grand Lodge has not previously resolved on the adjournment to close the session, or meet at a particular period, the effect of the motion shall be to adjourn to the next day.

19.—The motion to close debate may be made by any two members, and shall be put in this form, "Shall the debate now close?" and if adopted, the effect shall be to proceed to take the question on the resolution and amendments thereto, according to priority, without further debate.

20.—The motion to take the previous question may be made by any two members, and shall be put in this form, "Shall the main

question be now taken?" and if adopted, the effect shall be to take the question on the original resolution, to the exclusion of all debate and all amendments which have not been adopted.

21.—The effect of the motion to lay upon the table, if adopted, shall be to prevent the question being taken up again at the same session without a two third vote.

22.—No resolution which has been rejected or indefinitely postponed at a regular session, shall be renewed at the same session, unless re-considered, as provided in the next rule.

23.—All votes other than on amendments to the By-Laws, may be re-considered at the same or next succeeding regular meeting, upon a motion made and seconded by two members who voted in the majority, provided the Grand Lodge agree thereto; but after a motion to re-consider has once been lost, it shall not be renewed.

24.—Every Representative present shall vote on all questions before the Grand Lodge, unless he, personally, or his Lodge is interested in the result, or he has been excused, or is otherwise incapacitated.

25.—A motion to excuse a member from voting shall be put without debate.

26.—No member shall enter or leave the Grand Lodge during initiation, or the taking of a question by Yeas and Nays; nor shall members be permitted to enter during the reading of the minutes.

26.—When a motion has been declared carried or lost by a show of hands, any member, before the Grand Lodge proceeds to other business, may call for a count, but the yeas and nays cannot be called unless demanded before the G. W. C. T. rises to take the question.

23.—All Reports of Committees must be in writing, and when read to the Grand Lodge shall be considered as accepted, without a vote, unless objection be made thereto.

29.—On the final report of a Special Committee being accepted, the Committee shall be considered as discharged, without a vote unless otherwise ordered.

## DECISIONS OF GRAND LODGE.

1.—The question was asked, "What authority has 'Chase's Digest' in this Province;" and "are its decisions to be considered binding?"

I ruled that "Chase's Digest" should be considered *law* on all subjects on which our own Constitutions were silent; but it never could be quoted as an authority *against* them, or even as an interpreter of them, as I considered that only could be done by the G. W. C. T. for the time being subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge in annual session.

2.—A member of a certain Lodge, at one of its regular meetings, tendered his resignation, and he being free from all charges and clear on the books, his resignation was received, and, subject to Sec. 1, Art. ix., Sub. Lodge Constitution, was ordered to lie on the table one week. Between that and the next meeting night, he was known to have broken his obligation, and the Lodge at its next meeting, instead of ordering his name erased, proceeded to charge, try and expel him. The question was submitted to me, "Did the Lodge do right?"

I decided they did not. When a member legally qualified to do so, tenders his resignation in due form, and it is received by the Lodge, *that moment* he ceases to be a member of the Lodge, unless within one week he countermands his order. Should he fail to do this, his resignation dates from the night he tendered it, and the Lodge can take no cognizance of any subsequent act.—*G. W. C. T. Forman, 1871.*

3.—A Lodge that has been resuscitated after having lain dormant over a year is at liberty to make a By-Law requiring all its old members to be reobligated, even though they allege that they have never broken their previous obligation.

4.—Appeals lie direct from Subordinate Lodges to the G. W. C. T.

5.—County Lodges have no Judicial power within this Jurisdiction, their powers being simply advisory, but they

may try appeals from Subordinate Lodges by consent of all parties.

6.—The Commissions of all Deputies of the G. W. C. T. are revoked by the election of a new G. W. C. T., and unless new Commissions are issued, cease to be such from the date of such election.

7.—A Sergeant in the Army who is called on to take charge of a Canteen, where he has the charge and disposal of Liquors, even though he receive no share of the profits of such sale, cannot be a member of our Order.—*G. W. C. T. Spurr, 1874.*

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

1.—Can a person residing in a community where a Lodge already exists join a neighboring Lodge without the consent of the Lodge in his own District, and, if so, can he claim the right to visit the Lodge in his own neighborhood.

2.—Can a Lodge member claim the right to visit a sister Lodge if said Lodge does not wish to admit.

ANSWER TO No. 1.—A person residing in the immediate neighborhood of a Lodge cannot join any other Lodge without the consent in writing of the Lodge in his own neighborhood, and if, *in violation of law*, he is received into another Lodge, the Lodge in his own neighborhood may refuse him admittance.

ANSWER TO No. 2.—The admittance of visitors by Lodges is an act of *courtesy*, and cannot be claimed as a right; and each Lodge is to be the judge of the *propriety* of admitting visitors. Digest, page 255.—*Great Village Session, 1873.*

3.—On the night of election of officers several candidates were nominated for the office of W. Chief Templar. All but one declined, and he was elected by a vote taken in the usual way, but not by ballot. He was duly installed by the Deputy, but the question of the legality of his election was afterwards raised and submitted to the Grand Chief. Your Committee hold that no Officer is legally elected unless the vote is taken by ballot; but in this case



after the Deputy acting for the Grand W. Chief had installed the Brother into office, and no exception taken by any one, he could not be called upon to vacate the chair on that account.

4.—In a case where the Deputy of a Lodge resigns his position and another is elected thereto, is he qualified to instal the Officers of the Lodge before he has received his commission, although he may be offic'ly recognized by the Grand Secretary sending him the password? Answer, No.

5.—Is a Lodge Deputy justified in using the quarterly pass-word without paying his dues? and what action should a Lodge take in such a case? Answer, The Lodge should report a Deputy acting in such a manner to the G. W. C. T., who should immediately cancel his commission.

6.—A Brother admitted that he had taken liquor as a medicine; the Lodge considered it a violation and the Brother was re-obligated. It was stated in the minutes that the Brother had violated his obligation and was re-obligated. The Brother in question was absent on the first night when the minutes were read and approved, but on the following night objected to the wording of the minute, and asked to have it inserted as he stated the facts. Answer, Although there may have been some slight hardship in the matter, after the Brother submitted to re-obligation and the minutes were approved the Lodge was not obliged to alter them.—*Truro Session, 1875.*

### RESOLUTIONS OF GRAND LODGE.

*Resolved*, That ten dollars be allowed County Secretaries for their trouble and expenses.—*Waterville Session, 1872.*

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary forward a certificate to each Subordinate Lodge in the Province, with the quarterly returns, before each session of the Grand Lodge, to be filled up with the names of all members eligible to seats in this Grand Lodge.

*Whereas*, In consideration of the vast amount of drunkenness which prevails throughout our Province, we are of

the opinion that the inconsiderate prescription of large quantities of alcoholic liquors by medical men for their patients has given rise in many instances to the formation of intemperate habits.

*Therefore Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge consider the matter and bring it before each Subordinate Lodge, and direct them to enlist the attention and co-operation of the Medical Profession as far as possible within their several jurisdictions, to subscribe to a more restricted and careful administration of this powerful drug.

*Resolved*, That all Lodges which shall pass resolutions prohibiting the presence as visitors of members of other Lodges, shall forward within ten days of the passage of the same, a copy of said resolutions to the G. W. C. T. and G. Sec., for their inspection and approval.

*Resolved*, That all County Lodges now formed be allowed to draw from the Grand Treasury ten dollars when in active working order one year.—*Great Village*, 1873.

*Resolved*, That in future, the first meeting of each and every session of this Grand Lodge shall be opened in the Grand Lodge Degree, as were the earlier sessions of this body, when the Grand Worthy Secretary, as *ex-officio* Chairman of the Credential Committee, shall have already prepared a list of those entitled to seats as Representatives on admission, as acting and past Worthy Chief or V. Templars, as far as possible, from the Credentials received. To which will then be added any presented at that time; immediately after which, those in waiting properly accredited shall be duly initiated, and the legitimate business of the Grand Lodge transacted.

*Resolved further*, That no member of this body be permitted to sit or vote in this Grand Lodge, until he has registered his name and rank in a book to be kept for that purpose by the Grand Secretary, a copy of which shall be inserted in the published Journal of Proceedings of the Session.—*Halifax Session*, 1874.

*Resolved*, That in Towns where two or more Lodges exists the Degrees shall be worked by a Degree Temple, but in places where only one Lodge exists, and where the members cannot attend County Lodge, the Lodge Deputy be allowed to confer the Degrees.—*Truro Session*, 1875.

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ARTICLE I.

NAME—HOW COMPOSED—QUORUM.

SECTION 1.—This Lodge shall be called \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge, No. —, Independent Order of Good Templars,  
of the Province of Nova Scotia. It shall consist of at  
least ten members, and cannot surrender its Charter, so  
long as that number, in good standing object thereto.  
Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE II.

PLEDGE.

SEC. 1.—No member shall make, buy, sell, use, furnish,  
or cause to be furnished to others, as a beverage, any  
Spiritous or Malt Liquors, Wine or Cider; and every  
member shall discountenance the manufacture, sale, and  
use thereof, in all proper ways.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1.—*Eligibility.* No person under 12 years of age  
shall be admitted a member of this Lodge, and the Lodge  
by a By-Law may fix any higher limit not above eighteen  
years. A person residing in any other town in which a  
Lodge exists must have the consent, in writing, of that  
Lodge, or if more than one Lodge exist there, the consent  
of one of them.

SEC. 2.—*Proposition and Ballot.* The name, residence,  
and occupation of a candidate for membership, shall be  
presented in writing by some member of the Lodge, and  
referred to a committee of three, two of whom shall be

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appointed by the Worthy Chief Templar, and one by the Worthy Vice Templar. The committee shall investigate the subject, and report thereon at the next regular meeting, when the Lodge shall ballot on the proposition. Four black balls shall be sufficient to reject a candidate, but a vote of rejection may be re-considered on motion of any member, at the same or next meeting, but at no other. The Grand Worthy Chief Templar, or his Deputy, when requested, by a vote of *two-thirds* of the members present, may grant a dispensation to ballot for a candidate on the same evening he is proposed. In their absence, the ballot may be taken by *unanimous* consent of the Lodge.

SEC. 3.—*Withdrawal of Proposition.* A proposition for membership having been referred to a committee, shall not be withdrawn without unanimous consent.

SEC. 4.—*Postponement.* Should the Committee of Investigation find cause, or any member desire it, the report and proposition may be indefinitely postponed (which shall not be considered a rejection, but a new proposition may be made at any time.)

SEC. 5.—*Deposit of Card.* A candidate for membership by card shall deposit it with the proposition, or furnish satisfactory evidence that it has been lost; and he shall be subject in all cases to the provisions of the second section of this Article.

SEC. 6.—*Expelled and suspended members.* No person who has been expelled from this or any other Lodge, of the Order, shall be again proposed within three months from the date of his expulsion, and no member who has been suspended, shall be proposed for membership in any other Lodge, until he has been re-instated in the Lodge suspending him.

SEC. 7.—*Signing the Constitution.* Every person, on becoming a member, shall sign the Constitution.

SEC. 8.—*Charter Members* must be initiated within three months of the institution of the Lodge.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### FEEs AND DUES.

SEC. 1.—*Initiation Fees and Quarterly Dues.* The initiation fee shall not be less than forty cents for each

male, and twenty cents for each female, member. The quarterly dues shall be adjusted to meet the current expenses of the Lodge. Both initiation fee and quarterly dues shall be paid in advance; but no dues shall be required of any member for the current quarter of his or her initiation.

SEC. 2.—*Pass-Word*. No member shall receive the Pass-Word until his dues for the current quarter are paid, and no member without the Pass-Word shall be permitted to sit in the Lodge.

SEC. 3.—*Non-payment of Dues*. Any member six months in arrears, may be expelled by a ballot vote of the Lodge, and the W. C. T. shall order his name erased.

## ARTICLE V.

### OFFICERS AND TERMS.

SEC. 1.—*Titles*. The Officers of this Lodge shall be: 1st, Worthy Chief Templar; 2nd, Worthy Vice Templar; 3rd, Secretary; 4th, Financial Secretary; 5th, Treasurer; 6th, Chaplain; 7th, Marshal; 8th, Guard; 9th, Sentinel; 10th, Assistant Secretary; 11th, Deputy Marshal; 12th, Right Supporter; 13th, Left Supporter. The *first nine* shall be elective, the Supporters appointed by the Worthy Chief Templar elect, and the others by the officers they assist.

SEC. 2.—*Eligibility*. After this Lodge has been instituted three terms no member shall be eligible to the office of Worthy Chief Templar, or Worthy Vice Templar, unless he has previously served one term in some office.

SEC. 3.—*Absence*. If any officer shall be absent from the Lodge for three successive meetings, without rendering at the expiration of that time a valid excuse, his seat may be declared vacant by a two-thirds vote.

SEC. 4.—*Vacancies*. Vacancies may be filled at any time, and the member holding an office at the close of the term shall receive the honors of that term. In the absence of the Worthy Chief Templar, the Worthy Vice Templar is entitled to preside, and if both Worthy Chief Templar and Worthy Vice Templar are absent, the *senior* Past Worthy Chief Templar present. In absence of all entitled to preside, the Secretary, or some other member, shall call the Lodge to order, and the Lodge may, by vote in the



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usual manner, select some member to act *pro tem*. Any officer entitled to the chair, may yield the claim to the Grand Worthy Chief Templar or his Deputies, or any Past Worthy Chief Templar.

SEC. 5.—*Terms and Elections.* The regular terms shall commence with the first meetings in February, May, August, and November. The officers shall be elected by ballot and majority vote, at the last regular meeting in each term, and installed at the first.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1.—*Past Worthy Chief Templar.* The Worthy Chief Templar of one term shall be, when present, the acting Past Worthy Chief Templar of the succeeding term. In his absence the Past Worthy Chief Templar next in seniority shall fill that office. He shall have an oversight of the ceremonies, correct errors in the signs and instructions, give the charge to initiates as required by the Ritual, and examine and introduce visitors who apply for admission.

SEC. 2.—*The Worthy Chief Templar* shall be the chief executive officer of the Lodge, preside at its meetings, enforce a due observance of the Constitution and Laws, exact compliance with the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge, and the usages and ceremonies of the Order, see that all the officers perform their proper duties, appoint all committees and officers not otherwise provided for, inspect and announce the result of all balloting and votes, but shall not vote himself, except upon ballot, and in case of a tie, when all present have voted. He shall, together with the Secretary, call special meetings when necessary, or when called upon by written application of seven members; sign all drafts, cards, and certificates ordered by the Lodge, and see that the returns are made out, and money appropriated for the Grand Lodge tax, and that the bond of the Treasurer elect is made out, and approved, prior to installation; and perform such other duties as may be required by the Ritual or Lodge, properly devolving upon that office.

SEC. 3.—*The Worthy Vice Templar* shall render the Worthy Chief Templar such assistance as may be required,

perform the duties of that office in his absence, and have charge of the doors and ante-rooms of the Lodge.

SEC. 4.—*The Secretary* shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Lodge, write communications, fill up certificates, notify meetings when ordered by the Worthy Chief Templar, and attest all moneys ordered to be paid at a regular meeting, and no other. He shall make out, at the end of the term, for the Lodge, a full report of the proceedings during his term, and also the quarterly returns to the Grand Lodge, and with the Worthy Chief Templar, certify thereto. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Lodge, or his charge, and deliver up to his successor, within one week from the expiration of his term, all books, papers, or other property in his possession, belonging to his office. He shall immediately notify all neighboring Lodges, of the name, occupation, and residence of every person rejected, expelled, or suspended from this Lodge for any cause, except non-payment of dues.

SEC. 5.—*The Financial Secretary* shall keep just and true accounts between the Lodge and its members, credit the amounts received, and immediately pay the same over to the Treasurer, taking a receipt. On the evening of the installation, he shall present to the Lodge a full report, and furnish the Secretary with the amount of receipts for initiation fees and dues during his term, and with any other information connected with his office necessary to enable the Secretary to prepare correct returns for the Grand Lodge, and shall deliver up to his successor all books, papers, and other property in his possession, belonging to the Lodge. He shall perform such other duties as the Lodge or his charge may require of him.

SEC. 6.—*The Treasurer* shall give a bond of not less than ——— dollars, with such surety as may be approved by the Lodge, and shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Worthy Chief Templar, attested by the Secretary, and no others. He shall receive all moneys of the Lodge, and hold the same until the expiration of his term, unless otherwise ordered. He shall keep a full and correct account of all moneys received and expended, and deliver up, when legally called upon, all books, moneys, papers, and all other property of the Lodge, to his successor in

office, or to whomsoever the Lodge may appoint. He shall make a report at the end of his term, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Lodge or his charge.

SEC. 7.—*The Marshal* shall have charge of the regalia, and all other property of the Lodge, which is not specially entrusted to other officers, and see that it is kept in proper order; and at the close of his term, report a schedule of the same, and its condition. He shall assist the Worthy Chief Templar in preserving order, superintend the balloting, count the votes upon division, introduce candidates, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Ritual or Lodge.

SEC. 8.—*The Guard and Sentinel*, under the direction of the Worthy Vice Templar, shall have charge of the doors and ante-rooms of the Lodge.

SEC. 9.—*The Assistant Secretary and Deputy Marshal* shall act under the directions of the Secretary and Marshal respectively, and perform such duties as may be required of them.

SEC. 10.—*General Provisions.* The officers shall, in addition to the duties specially laid down in this Article, perform such other duties as may be required of them by the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, Rituals, Ceremonies, and usages of the Order, or by a vote of the Lodge.

## ARTICLE VII.

### DEGREES.

SEC. 1.—*Eligibility.* A member *eighteen* years of age, one month after his initiation in the First Degree, shall be eligible to the *Second Degree*, and one month after he has received the Second Degree, shall be eligible to the *Third Degree*. No member not thus qualified, shall receive the degrees, except Charter members on the institution of a new Lodge, except by *written* dispensation of the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, or his Deputy, which dispensation shall not be given in case of a member under eighteen years of age, only when requested by the unanimous ballot of the Degree members of the Lodge to which such member belongs, or in case such Lodge shall be connected with a Degree Temple or County Degree Lodge, the unanimous ballot of such Temple or Lodge

**SEC. 2.—Degree Temples.** Upon the application of not less than ten full Degree Members, accompanied by the charter fees, and also a certificate vote of the Lodge or Lodges to which the applicants belong, recommending that a charter be granted them, the Grand Worthy Chief Templar and Grand Secretary may issue a charter for a Degree Temple or a County Degree Lodge, and arrange for its institution.

**SEC. 3.—Proposition and Ballot.** Candidates for initiation and membership in a Degree Temple, must be proposed and recommended by two full Degree Members of the Lodge to which they belong, one of whom shall be the Worthy Chief Templar, Past Worthy Chief Templar, or Lodge Deputy. The proposition shall be in writing, stating name, residence, occupation, and date when the previous Degree was taken. A ballot shall be had when the Temple is open in the Degree applied for, and if not more than one black ballot is cast, the candidate shall be declared elected, but if two or more black ballots are cast, the proposition shall then be referred to a committee of three, who shall investigate and report thereon at the next regular meeting, when another ballot shall be taken, and if not more than two black ballots are cast, he shall be elected, but if more than two are cast, he shall stand rejected, and shall not be again proposed within three months after such rejection.

**SEC. 4.—Full Degree Members,** not members of any Temple, may be proposed for membership by two full Degree Members of the Lodge to which they belong; the proposition shall be read when the Temple is open in the *Third Degree*, and a ballot taken thereon, and if not more than seven black ballots are cast, he shall be admitted to membership upon signing the Constitution and paying the fees.

**SEC. 5.—Meetings.** Degree Temples shall hold their regular meetings at such times as may be designated in their By-Laws.

**SEC. 6.—Officers and Terms.** The officers of the Temple, when not a County Degree Lodge, shall be: 1st, Degree Templar; 2nd, Degree Vice Templar; 3rd, Degree Secretary; 4th, Degree Financial Secretary; 5th, Degree Treasurer; 6th, Degree Chaplain; 7th, Degree Marshal

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8th, Degree Guard ; 9th, Degree Sentinel ; 10th, Assistant Degree Secretary ; 11th, Deputy Degree Marshal ; 12th, Degree Right Hand Supporter ; 13th, Degree Left Hand Supporter. The *first seven* shall be elected, the eight and ninth appointed by the Degree Vice Templar elect ; the others by the officers they assist. The regular terms shall commence with June, and the elective officers shall be chosen by ballot, and a majority vote, and installed at the regular meeting in June. Any Full Degree Member of the Temple shall be eligible to office, but after the first election, the Degree Templar shall be past or acting Worthy Chief Templar, or Deputy Grand Worthy Chief Templar.

SEC. 7.—*Suspension or Expulsion* in the Subordinate Lodge shall work a suspension or expulsion from the Temple. No members shall be permitted to take part in the transactions of the Temple, whose dues are unpaid for the current term, and no person shall be permitted to sit in the Temple, unless in possession of the current quarterly Pass-Word of the Degree in which the Temple is open.

SEC. 13.—*Miscellaneous.* The following named Articles and Sections of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution, shall be binding on Degree Temples and their members, after making such changes in the phraseology as may be necessary to adopt them, or either of them, to the work of Temples, viz.: Articles, I., II., VI. and X., entire ; Article III., Sections, 4, 6, 7 and 8 ; Article V., Sections 3 and 4 ; Article IX., Section 4.

### ARTICLE VIII.

#### OFFENCES AND TRIALS.

SEC. 1.—*Charges and Committee.* Any member who has reason to believe that another has violated any of the Laws of the Order, shall present to the Worthy Chief Templar a charge against him in writing, specifying the offence ; and the Worthy Chief Templar, concealing the name of the accuser, shall refer the charge to a committee of three, which he shall appoint. The committee shall forthwith furnish the accused with a copy of the charge, and summon the accused and witnesses to appear before them at such time and place as they may appoint. At



the appointed time and place, the committee shall meet and hear the evidence, which they shall reduce to writing, and if called upon, produce before the Lodge.

SEC. 2.—*Report and Trial.* The committee shall report, recommending some punishment, if they find the charge sustained. The report shall be laid upon the table until the next meeting, at which time the accused shall be summoned to appear and the Lodge shall act upon it. If called for by any member, the evidence offered before the committee shall be read, but no other evidence shall be introduced. The Lodge may, however, re-commit the case, in order that more evidence may be taken. The accused shall have an opportunity to speak in his defence, and shall then retire. The Lodge shall then decide the question, and if they find him guilty, fix on some mode of punishment, after which he shall be notified of the result. The recommendation of the committee may be amended in any manner before final action is taken on them; provided, however, that in all cases when a member has been found guilty, he shall be punished by expulsion, suspension, fine, or reprimand, except in cases of violation of Article II., when re-obligation may be considered a punishment, at the option of the Lodge.

SEC. 3.—*Absence of Accused.* Should the accused fail to appear before the Committee of Lodge when summoned, without sending a sufficient excuse, the trial may proceed, as if he were present, or he may be punished for contempt.

SEC. 4.—*Waiver.* A member against whom charges have been preferred, may, with the consent of the Lodge, waive any of the forms of trial, and if he acknowledge to the committee or the Lodge that he has committed the offence, the Lodge may forthwith proceed to punish.

SEC. 5.—*Votes.* All votes under this article shall be by ballot. A majority of votes shall be required to find a member guilty, or to determine the punishment.

## ARTICLE IX.

### WITHDRAWAL AND CARDS.

SEC. 1.—*Withdrawal.* Any member who is free from all charges, may, by written resignation, withdraw from the Order, without vote of the Lodge; provided that said resignation shall always lie on the table one week, when,

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if not countermanded, the W. C. T. shall order the name erased.

SEC. 2.—*Clearance and Travelling Cards*, of the form prescribed by the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, shall be granted to members applying and paying for them, if they are clear from all charges. A Clearance Card shall be valid for one year from its date, and a Travelling Card for the time for which payment of dues shall be made in advance, not exceeding one year.

SEC. 3.—*Effect of Cards*. Members holding Cards granted by this Lodge, are still members of the Order, and subject to the jurisdiction of this Lodge.

SEC. 4.—*Travelling Members*. Any member desiring to visit this Lodge on a Travelling Card, shall be examined in the ante-room, and shall not be admitted unless he prove himself in the Travelling Pass-Word, and the unwritten work of the Order.

## ARTICLE X.

### BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 1.—*By-Laws*. This Lodge may adopt such By-Laws and Rules of Order as may be deemed advisable, which do not conflict with this Constitution, or the laws, rules, and usages of the Order; provided that said By-Laws and Rules, and all amendments thereto, shall first receive the approval of the Grand Lodge, or, in the interim between sessions, the approval of the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 2.—*Amendments*. This Constitution shall be altered or amended only by the Grand Lodge, after the manner provided for the amendment of Grand Lodge Constitution.

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## BY - LAWS.

Each Subordinate Lodge has the right to adopt such By-Laws for itself as it may deem necessary, *provided they do not in any wise conflict with the Constitutions of the Grand or Subordinate Lodges*, or the laws and usages of the Order.

The annexed code is here inserted as a guide to Lodges, which they may adopt, with or without modification, as they deem proper. Or, they may prepare By-Laws for themselves, under the regulations as in last paragraph.

### MEETINGS.

1. A regular meeting of this Lodge shall be held on evening of each week.
2. The hour of meeting shall be o'clock, from the first of October to the first of April, and o'clock, from the first of April to the first of October.

### FINES, PENALTIES, AND PRIVILEGES.

#### FOR ABSENCE.

- 3 The Officers of this Lodge, for absence at the time of calling the roll at any regular meeting, shall be fined as follows, viz.:—Worthy Chief Templar, Worthy Vice Templar, Worthy Secretary, Worthy Financial Secretary, Worthy Marshal, each cents; all other officers, cents.

#### ABSENCE OF BOOKS.

4. For neglecting to have the Books of the Lodge present at any regular meeting, a fine of cents shall be imposed for each neglect.

#### FOR REFUSING TO WATCH.

5. Members who shall refuse to watch with the sick on the nights which fall to them, as directed in No. 21 of these By-Laws, when notified of the fact by the Committee for the sick, shall pay a fine of for each night of refusal, unless they furnish a substitute, or give the Committee such good reasons as will cause them to be excused.

**FINES—HOW TO BE SETTLED.**

6. All fines thus imposed, if not settled at the time, shall be charged by the Worthy Financial Secretary to the officer or member from whom due, and shall stand against said officer or member as regular dues, and must be liquidated to entitle him or her to the privilege of voting, and the Pass-word.

**EXCUSES.**

7. Sickness, or absence from the place on necessary business, shall be the only reasons which can be accepted by the Chair, for the non-payment of fines. No other excuse shall be granted, except by a regular motion, and a vote of the Lodge.

**TATTLING MEMBERS.**

8. Any member of this Lodge who shall be guilty of divulging the name of another who may speak or vote against a candidate for initiation, or if any member make public any of the business or transactions of this Lodge, said members shall be fined, suspended, or expelled, as the Lodge may direct; and if fined, the fine shall in no case be less than                  dollars.

9. Any member of this Lodge who shall reply to, or notice any question regarding the business, password, signs, or other private works of the Order, from any one not a member in good standing, which are calculated to expose matters which should be confined to this Lodge, shall be considered unworthy of membership, and may be expelled by a vote of the Lodge.

**DECORUM.**

10. Any member who shall, in this Lodge, use profane or objectionable and improper language, or refuse to obey the commands of the Chair, when called to order, or make disrespectful expressions towards the officers or members of this Lodge, shall be subject to a fine for each offence, not exceeding                  dollars, or to suspension or expulsion, as the Lodge may direct.

**CONDUCT.**

11. Any member who shall become addicted to any vicious or immoral habits, which will injure himself or his family, and disgrace this Order, shall be expelled

**FEES AND DUES.**

**INITIATION.**

12. The initiation fee of this Lodge shall be for each male and for each female

**DUES.**

13. Every member of this Lodge shall pay into the general fund the sum of for males, and for females, quarterly in advance.

**CARDS.**

14. Members of the Order may be admitted as members of this Lodge by Card, on payment of by males, and by females.

15. Members wishing a Card of Clearance from the Lodge, are entitled to it if clear upon the books of the W. F. S., on payment of by males, and by females.

**FUNDS.**

**HOW APPROPRIATED.**

16. The funds of this Lodge shall be used for defraying the necessary expenses of this Lodge, and to pay the taxes levied by the Grand Lodge, [or R. W. Grand Lodge.]

17. No money shall be appropriated, or used for other purposes than those mentioned in No. 16 of these By-Laws unless two-thirds of all the members present vote to do so.

**COMMITTEES.**

18. All Committees, unless otherwise ordered, shall consist of three members.

**STANDING COMMITTEES.**

19. The W. C. T. shall, on the night of his installation appoint the following Standing Committees for his term:

A Committee on Finance.

A Committee on the Care of the Sick.

A Room Committee.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE—DUTIES OF**

20. The duties of the Finance Committee are to examine and audit bills and accounts presented to this Lodge



for payment, and at the close of the term examine the accounts of the W. F. S. and W. T., and report the state of the finances to the Lodge.

**COMMITTEE ON THE CARE OF THE SICK—DUTIES OF**

21. The Committee on the Care of the Sick shall consist of three brothers and three sisters. It shall be the duty of this Committee to visit the sick within twenty-four hours after being apprised of a member's sickness : they shall render to the brother or sister every assistance which shall appear to them called for, to give aid, and notify two members for each night, calling upon them in the order in which they stand upon the roll of the Lodge, and the Committee serving themselves in the regular order. Fines for non-compliance with the provisions of this section are to be strictly enforced. [See Sec. No. 5.]

**ROOM COMMITTEE—DUTIES OF.**

22. This Committee are to see that the Room and Regalia are always in readiness for meetings, and perform, such other duties as the Lodge may require.

**MISCELLANEOUS SECTIONS.**

**AGE OF CANDIDATES.**

23. No person shall be admitted to membership in this Lodge who is under the age of \_\_\_\_\_ years.

**ELECTIONS.**

24. No officer shall be declared elected who has not received a majority of all the legal votes cast.

**TRUSTEES.**

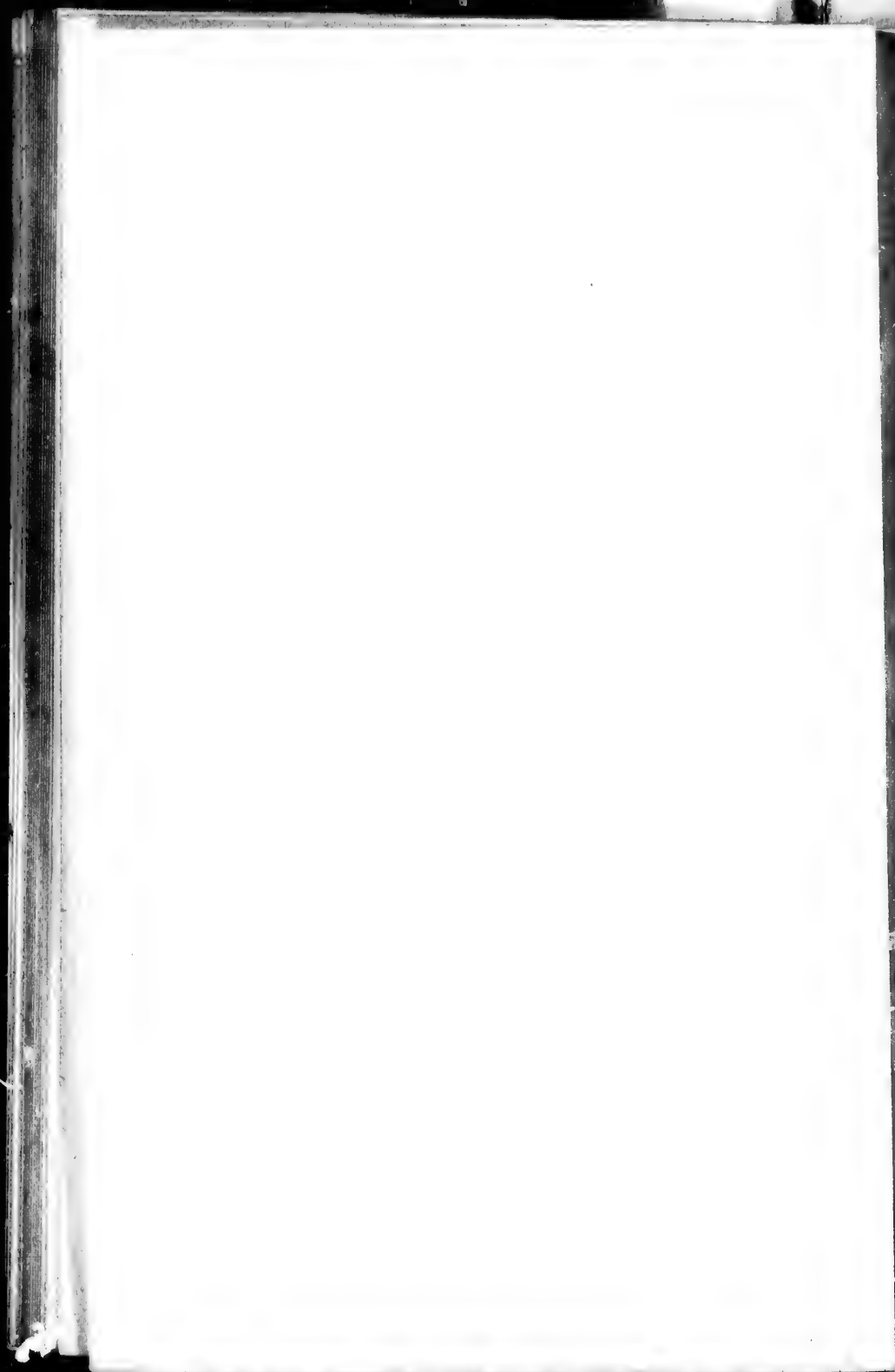
25. This Lodge shall elect three Trustees at the last regular meeting in October, who shall transact all the legal business of the Lodge.

**TREASURER.**

26. The amount of the bond of the Treasurer of this Lodge shall be one hundred dollars ; but this amount may be at any time increased by a vote of the Lodge.

AMENDMENTS.

27. No part of these By-laws shall be repealed, altered or annulled, unless a notice to that effect be presented in writing to the Lodge, which shall lie over one week before action shall be had thereon, when, if two-thirds of the members present vote in favor of the amendment, it shall be adopted.



RULES OF ORDER  
FOR  
SUBORDINATE LODGES.

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DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF W. C. T.

1. It shall be the duty of the Worthy Chief Templar to preserve order, and endeavor to conduct all business before the Lodge to a speedy and proper result.

2. He shall state every question properly presented to the Lodge; and before putting it to vote, shall ask, "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" Should no member offer to speak, he shall rise to put it, and after he has risen, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it.

3. The Worthy Chief Templar shall have a casting vote in case of a tie; but in ordinary cases he shall not vote. He shall announce all votes and decisions. His decisions on points of order shall not be debateable, unless, entertaining doubts on the subject, he shall invite discussion.

4. He may speak to points of order, in preference to other members of the Lodge, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Lodge by any member. On such an appeal, no member shall speak more than once.

5. When an appeal is made from the decision of the Worthy Chief Templar, he shall put the question thus: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"

6. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer, and the privileges of any members of the Lodge, to call a member to order who violates an established rule of order.

MOTIONS.

7. A motion must be seconded, and afterwards repeated from the Chair, or read aloud, before it is debated. A motion shall be reduced to writing if any member require it.

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8. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing.

9. Any member having made a motion, may withdraw it, with leave of his second, before it is debated ; but not afterwards, without leave of the Lodge.

10. A motion to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be entertained.

11. An amendment destroying or altering the intention of a motion shall be in order ; but an amendment relating to a different subject shall not be in order.

12. On an amendment to "strike out and insert," the paragraph to be amended shall first be read as it stands, then the words proposed to be struck out and inserted, and finally the paragraph as it would stand if so amended.

13. On a call for a division of the question, the majority shall decide. The call can only be granted when the division called for will leave distinct and entire propositions.

**DEBATE.**

14. When a member speaks or offers a motion, he or she shall rise in their place, and respectfully address the Worthy Chief Templar, confining themselves to the question under consideration, and avoiding personalities or unbecoming language.

15. When a member is called to order, he shall take his seat until the point is determined.

16. When two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

17. No member shall speak more than twice, nor longer than five minutes each time, on any question, without leave of the Lodge ; which leave shall be granted or refused without debate.

18. While a member is speaking, no one shall interrupt, except for the purpose of calling to order, or asking of the presiding officer leave to explain, or to call the previous question. A member allowed "to explain," shall only have the right to explain an actual misunderstanding of language, and shall be strictly prohibited from going into debate on the merits of the case.

19. For any member, in speaking, to impeach the motives of a fellow member, or treat such with personal dis-

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respect, shall be deemed a violation of order, which may incur the censure of the presiding officer, or of the Lodge.

20. If any member shall feel personally aggrieved by a decision of the Chair, he or she may appeal from such decision.

21. Any conversation by whispering or otherwise, which is calculated to disturb a member while speaking, or hinder the transaction of business, shall be deemed a violation of order, and if persisted in, shall incur censure.

#### PRIVILEGED QUESTIONS.

22. When a question is before the Lodge, the only motions in order shall be: 1st, to adjourn; 2nd, the previous question; 3rd, to lay on the table; 4th, to postpone indefinitely; 5th to postpone to a definite period; 6th, to refer; 7th, to divide, if the sense will admit of it; 8th, to amend—to take precedence as herein arranged, and the first three to be decided without debate.

23. When the previous question is moved and seconded, it shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" If this is carried, all further amendments and debate shall be excluded, and the question be put without delay. If the question has been amended, the question shall be taken on the amendment first. If more than one amendment has been made, the last made amendment in order shall take precedence in the vote. It shall not be in order to reconsider the agreement to take the previous question.

24. When a motion is postponed indefinitely, it shall not come up again during the session.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

25. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except, 1st, when a member is in possession of the floor; 2nd, while the yeas and nays are being called; 3rd when the members are voting; 4th when adjournment was the last preceding motion; 5th when it has been decided that the previous question shall be taken.

26. A motion to adjourn, simply, cannot be amended; but a motion to adjourn to a given time may be, and is open to debate.



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QUESTIONS NOT DEBATABLE.

27. 1st, a motion to adjourn, when to adjourn simply ; 2nd, a motion to lay on the table, when claiming privilege over another motion ; 3rd, a motion for the previous question ; 4th, a motion to re-consider ; 5th, a motion to read a paper ; 6th, a motion to take up particular items of business ; 7th, questions of order, when not appealed from the decision of the Worthy Chief Templar, or not submitted by him to the Lodge.

READING OF PAPERS.

28. The reading of any paper called for, relating to the subject under debate, shall always be in order.

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# CONSTITUTION OF COUNTY LODGES.

(Adopted 1875.)

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## ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1.—This Lodge shall be known as the \_\_\_\_\_ County Lodge, No. —, I O. G. T. of the Province of Nova Scotia, and cannot be dissolved so long as ten members representing at least three Subordinate Lodges object thereto.

SEC. 2.—The members of this Lodge shall be its Officers, all members of the Grand Lodge resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge, all Deputies of the Grand Worthy Chief Templar, the Worthy Chief Templar, Worthy Vice Templar, Worthy Secretary, and all duly elected Representatives of every Subordinate Lodge within the above named County or District.

SEC. 3.—At the second regular meeting in each Quarter each Subordinate Lodge as aforesaid, shall elect Representatives to this Lodge on the following basis, that is to say: less than twenty members *one* representative, over twenty and under fifty members *two* representatives, over fifty and under one hundred *three* representatives, and over one hundred members *four* representatives, and shall immediately forward certificates of such election to the County Secretary.

## ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1.—The Officers of this Lodge shall be County Chief Templar, County Vice Templar, County Secretary, County Treasurer, County Chaplain, County Marshal, County Guard, County Sentinel, County Lecturer and County Counsellor.

SEC. 2.—The said Officers shall be elected by ballot at the Quarterly Meeting in June in each year, and shall be installed at the same meeting. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. The Officers shall be installed by the Senior Deputy G. W. C. T. present, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected and installed.

SEC. 3.—When any Officer shall be absent from any two successive regular Quarterly Sessions, and shall render no satisfactory excuse in writing for such absence, the office may be declared vacant by a two-third vote of the members present. Vacancies shall be filled as in Sec. 4, Art. 5, Sub. Lodge Constitution.

SEC. 4.—At the Quarterly Meeting in June in each year, the Lodge shall elect from its members a Representative to the Grand Lodge, and shall immediately forward a certificate of such election to the Grand Secretary, provided that such Representative shall be a full Degree Member.

#### ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1.—Every Member of this Lodge on signing the roll shall pay to the Treasurer a fee of ———.

SEC. 2.—The Lodge may also provide by voluntary contribution from the various Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction, for funds with which to prosecute its work.

#### ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1.—It shall be the duty of the County Chief Templar to preside at all the meetings of this Lodge, and preserve order. He shall visit each Subordinate Lodge in his jurisdiction when requested so to do. He shall, on assuming the chair, appoint the following Standing Committees, that is to say: Finance Committee, Corresponding Committee, and a Committee on the State of the Order. He shall in the month of June of each year render to the Grand Worthy Chief Templar a full report of the work done in his jurisdiction during his term of office.

SEC. 2.—It shall be the duty of the County Secretary to keep a correct record of all the proceedings of this Lodge, and to give at least three weeks' notice to every Subordinate Lodge in the County of the time and place

of holding said County Lodge meetings, and send to each Subordinate Lodge blank forms for their reports to the County Lodge (according to the form furnished by the Grand Lodge.) He shall present as full a report of the state of the Order in his jurisdiction as possible to each Quarterly Meeting of this Lodge, and immediately forward a copy of it, together with a summary of returns received from Subordinate Lodges, to the Grand Lodge Office.

SEC. 3.—The County Lecturer and County Counsellor shall respectively occupy seats on the right and left of the County Chief Templar, and shall assist him in the discharge of his duties, and may if required act as his Deputies.

SEC. 4.—The other Officers shall perform duties similar to those performed by the same Officers in Subordinate Lodges.

SEC. 5.—The Finance Committee shall audit all bills and accounts referred to them, and shall carefully examine the books, papers and vouchers of the Secretary and Treasurer, reporting on the same to this Lodge, at each Quarterly Session.

SEC. 6.—The Committee on the State of the Order shall make diligent enquiry into the ways and means to establish Lodges in the various localities where no Lodges exist, and to help in all reasonable ways weak Lodges needing aid, and to report to the County Chief Templar such measures as will aid in such work, and shall also render to the County Lodge quarterly reports of their doings and the state of the Order within the County.

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1.—The Sessions of this Lodge shall be held Quarterly in the months of June, September, December and March in each year, at such time and place as the Members shall determine at each Session by a majority vote.

SEC. 2.—Seven members representing at least three Subordinate Lodges shall form a quorum.

SEC. 3.—The Executive Committee shall consist of the five chief Officers of the Lodge, who shall have supervision of the general work of the Order, not, however, in any

manner to conflict with the authority of the Grand Lodge. They shall meet from time to time as they believe the requirements of the work demands and transact all necessary business. They shall also have power to call special meetings of the Lodge as they may deem the interest of the work requires.

ARTICLE VI.

The rules of Subordinate Lodges so far as practicable shall govern in the Sessions of this Lodge, subject to the Constitution, the Laws and Rules of the Grand Lodge and of this Lodge.

ARTICLE VII.

It shall be the duty of the County Lodge to recommend to the G. W. C. T. a fit and proper person or persons as Provincial Deputies at the June meeting previous to the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, and immediately forward such recommendation to the Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Lodge may adopt such By-laws from time to time as may be deemed expedient, provided always that they do not conflict with the Constitutions and established Laws and Usages of the Order.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution can only be amended or altered by a two-third vote of the Grand Lodge in Session.

## OFFICIAL FORMS.

### INDEPENDENT ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS.

#### Proposition for Membership.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 187 .

To the members of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. —, I. O. G. T.

I propose \_\_\_\_\_, age —, by occupation a \_\_\_\_\_, residing at \_\_\_\_\_, as worthy to become a member of this Lodge. — has read our Constitution and By-Laws, and is in all respects qualified for membership according to the laws and rules of the Order

[Signed.] \_\_\_\_\_

The Committee report —favorably,

} Committee.

#### Notice of Election to Membership.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 187 .

M \_\_\_\_\_

At a meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. —, held \_\_\_\_\_, you were elected for membership in this Lodge. I therefore, in the name of the Lodge, respectfully invite you to present yourself at our Lodge Room, on \_\_\_\_\_ evening at — o'clock, promptly, for initiation.

Please present this notice at the door. Should you



not appear within four weeks, the Lodge may declare the election void.

The fee for admission is \$—, which is called for at the time of joining, and the quarterly dues are — per quarter, which must be paid on or before the first day of February, May, August and November to entitle you to the pass-word or a seat in the Lodge. The entrance fee clears you for the remainder of the present term.

Yours respectfully,

———, W. S.

**NOTE.**—No person who is engaged in the Liquor Traffic can be admitted; and every candidate must be prepared to express a belief in the existence of Almighty God, and be willing to take the pledge **FOR LIFE**. The Good Templar pledge reads as follows:—"No member shall make, buy, sell, use, furnish, or cause to be furnished to others, as a beverage, any Spirituous or Malt Liquors, Wine or Cider; and every member shall discountenance the manufacture, sale, and use thereof, in all proper ways."

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**Financial Secretary's Receipt for Payment  
of Dues.**

No. —

——— Lodge, No. —, I. O. G. T.  
———, 187

Received of ——— \$—, being dues to  
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Notice of Arrears.

No. —

— Lodge, No. —,  
—, 187

To —

Your dues to this Lodge, amounting to — dollars  
and — cents, remain unpaid. Your early atten-  
tion to the payment of the same is earnestly desired.

Yours, in Faith, Hope and Charity,

—, W. F. S.

Order on Worthy Treasurer.

\$ —

To the W. T. of — Lodge, No. —.

Pay to the order of — — — dollars  
— cents, as voted by the Lodge.

—, W. C. T.

[Seal.]

—, W. S.

Certificate of Election to Degrees.

Dated —, 187

— Lodge, No. —, I. O. G. T.

This certifies that — has applied and  
paid for the Degree of —, and is entitled to  
receive the same.

—, W. C. T.

[Seal.]

—, W. S.

**Form of Credential of Representative.**

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 187

To the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, I. O. G. T.

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ have been duly and legally elected regular, and \_\_\_\_\_ have been duly and legally elected alternate representatives of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge until 187

[Seal.]

\_\_\_\_\_, W. C. T.

\_\_\_\_\_, W. S.

**Credential of P. W. C. T., P. W. V. T., W. C. T.  
or W. V. T.**

\_\_\_\_\_, 187  
\_\_\_\_\_, Lodge, No. —, I. O. G. T.

To the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, I. O. G. T.

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a P. W. C. T., in good standing in this Lodge.

[Seal.]

\_\_\_\_\_, W. C. T.,

\_\_\_\_\_, W. S.

**W. C. T.'s Order for giving the Pass-Word and  
Explanation.**

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 187  
\_\_\_\_\_, No. —, I.O.G.T., of —

To the W. C. T. of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. —, of —

You are hereby authorized and requested to give the pass-word and explanation for the current quarter to \_\_\_\_\_ who is a member of this Lodge in good standing and entitled to receive the same.

Yours fraternally,

[Seal.]

\_\_\_\_\_, W. C. T.

**Form of Balloting.**

The Worthy Marshal shall place the ballot box upon the pedestal of the W. C. T., who will inspect it, to see that it is properly prepared, by having no balls in the place where the ballots are to be deposited.

W. C. T.—“ We are about to vote on the election (or expulsion) of \_\_\_\_\_ as a member of this Lodge ; if any person present has anything to say why this vote should not be taken, now is the time to say it. Members will now vote.”

The Marshal will pass around the ballot box, those on the right of the W. C. T. voting first, commencing with the person nearest the W. C. T., then those on the left on the same order ; the W. M. to see that the ballots are cast in a legal manner. When through the W. C. T. announces, “ The balloting is closed.” The W. M. shall then pass the ballot box to the W. V. T., and the R. and L. H. S., who shall severally announce the result, after which it shall be taken to the W. C. T., who shall confirm the reports of the W. V. T. and R. and L. H. S., and announce the candidate elected, “ rejected,” or expelled as the case may be.

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**Form of Charge.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 187

To \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. —, I. O. G. T.

I charge Brother (or Sister) \_\_\_\_\_ with having violated Article \_\_\_\_\_ of our Constitution, (or By-Laws, or his or her obligation) (give the time when, and the place where) I pray that a Committee of investigation may be appointed.

Signed by member of the Lodge.

**Form of Notification.**

\_\_\_\_\_, 187

\_\_\_\_\_, Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, I. O. G. T. of \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

You are hereby notified to appear before the undersigned Committee at (name the place of meeting) on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, and answer to the charge annexed to this summons. In case you fail to appear, you will be reported to the Lodge as guilty of contempt, and will incur expulsion therefrom unless you can render a satisfactory excuse.

Signed by the Committee or the Chairman.

(If the length and manner of notice is not otherwise provided for in the Bye-Laws of the Lodge, the notice of charge should be served personally on the accused at least four days previous to trial, if they can be found, if not, notice may be served by leaving it at the Post Office, or at his last place of residence, ten days at least before the day of hearing.)

**Form of Notification to a Witness.**

\_\_\_\_\_, 187

\_\_\_\_\_, Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, I. O. G. T.

To \_\_\_\_\_

You are hereby notified (or requested, to a person not a member of the Order) to meet the undersigned Committee at (name place) on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, to testify what you know concerning the charge against \_\_\_\_\_ a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, I. O. G. T.

Signed by the Committee or Chairman.

Form for Committee's Report.

————— Lodge, No. ———, I. O. G. T.

*To the W. C. T., Officers and Members:*

Your Committee appointed to investigate the charge preferred against *Brother A—— B——*, having duly notified the accused of the time and place of meeting, and having met at ——— on the ——— day of ——— at — o'clock, and having examined the parties, their proofs and witnesses, the accused being present, (or in default as the case may be) do, after careful deliberation, report the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That we find *Brother A—— B——* guilty (or not guilty, as the case may be) of the charge of violating Article ——— of our Constitution, as preferred against him.

(If more than one charge, give a second and a third resolution as the number of charges may be.)

*Resolved*, That *Brother A—— B——* be expelled (or fined, reprimanded, or suspended, as the case may be. If fine is recommended, the Committee should recommend some amount, or if suspension, some time.)

Fraternally submitted,

} Committee.

Dated ———

(To this report the Committee are always required to append a record of all its proceedings, with the evidence taken before them; and the report should be over until the next regular meeting after such report is made, and notice be again served on the accused, whether he was present before the Committee or not, as follows:)



**Form of Second Notification.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. —, I. O. G. T. of \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

You are hereby notified that the Committee appointed to investigate the charges preferred against you, have made report to the Lodge as follows:

(Here give the Committee's report) and that said report will be acted upon, and the charges against you finally disposed of at the next regular meeting of this Lodge, on \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, at — o'clock, p.m., at which time you can attend if you think proper.

[Seal.]

\_\_\_\_\_, W. C. T.

\_\_\_\_\_, W. S.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 187 .

(Two days personal, or five days notice by mail should be given of the above.)

**Notice of Appeal.**

*To the W. C. T., Officers and Members of \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge, No. —, I. O. G. T.:*

You are hereby notified that I appeal from the decision of this Lodge, expelling (or as the case may be) me from the Order to the Grand Worthy Chief Templar.

(Signed,) A — B —.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 187 .

(This notice should be served on the W. S. of such Lodge within 30 days from the time such decision is rendered, together with the appellants ground of appeal and argument, if he make any. Within 15 days from the service of such notice, the W. S. will send to the Grand W. C. T., under seal, a certified copy of the minutes, evidence, charges, arguments of appellant and appeller, and all matters pertaining to the appeal).

**Deputies Recommendation.**

\_\_\_\_\_, 187

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. —, I. O. G. T.

To the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

This certifies that \_\_\_\_\_, a full degree member, has been recommended for Deputy G. W. C. T., of this Lodge for the current year.

[Seal.]

\_\_\_\_\_, W. C. T.

\_\_\_\_\_, W. S.

**Form of application for Charter.**

The undersigned inhabitants of \_\_\_\_\_ County, believing the Independent Order of Good Templars well calculated to extend the blessings of total abstinence, and promote the general welfare of mankind, respectfully petition the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars of Nova Scotia to grant them a CHARTER to open a new Lodge, to be called \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the I. O. G. T. located in \_\_\_\_\_ County, and under your jurisdiction.

We pledge ourselves individually and collectively to be governed by the Laws, Rules and Usages of the Grand Lodge. Enclosed is the fee for Charter, Rituals, Cards, etc., \$8.00.

(Applications to open new Lodges should be signed by at least ten persons in good standing in the community, and forwarded to Wm. Dennis, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge Offices, Hollis Street, Halifax.)

Forms of card for members in good standing of a Subordinate Lodge at the time it surrenders or forfeits its Charter; Certificates of dedication of Halls; Reports of Worthy Treasurer and Worthy Financial Secretary; Bond of Worthy Treasurer; Form of dispensation of G. W. C. T. or a Deputy; Forms for receiving Clearance Card members; Forms for receiving visitors in Grand and Subordinate Lodges; ceremony for the dedication of a Hall; Forms for re-obligation; and Funeral ceremony, will be found in Chase's Digest,—pages 367 to 386.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION IN LODGES.

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1. Is sweet cider intoxicating ?
2. Does the Bible anywhere countenance the use of fermented grape juice as a beverage ?
3. Is a stringent license preferable to a Prohibitory liquor law ?
4. Is there less intemperance in vine growing, than in other countries ?
5. Is alcohol food or poison ?
6. Is legal preferable to moral suasion ?
7. Are "close" preferable to "open" organizations in promoting Temperance Reform ?
8. Does the Lodge supplant the Church ?
9. What is the present duty of the Church in connection with the Temperance Reform ?
10. Is our unwritten work frivolous ?
11. Are any of our forms and ceremonies objectionable ?
12. Cannot the use of alcohol for any purpose whatever be dispensed with ?
13. Have we any right to dictate to a man what he shall eat and drink ?
14. Can the seller be legally held responsible for all the consequences of selling liquor ?
15. Are we "intemperate in advocating Temperance" ?
16. Is intemperance a "sin of ignorance" only ?
17. Is it a sin to drink moderately ?
18. Should the degrees be dispensed with ?
19. Should regalia be dispensed with ?
20. Is a badge-pin a "mark" for our Order advisable ?
21. Can a true Temperance man or woman object to take the "pledge for life" ?
22. Can any true Temperance man or woman consistently stand aloof from all working Temperance organizations ?
23. Will our pledge alone secure one from becoming a drunkard ?

24. Is it right for us to require a pledge of secrecy before initiation ?

25. Are "close" temperance organizations advisable for children ?

26. Can a temperance man consistently raise hops or grain for the general market ?

27. Can a temperance man consistently make or sell sweet cider ?

28. Can a temperance man, a printer by trade, consistently print liquor labels, wine lists, &c. ?

29. What is the Good Templars duty in relation to men engaged in the liquor traffic ?

30. Should a voter desert his political party to vote for a Temperance man of the opposite party ?

31. Is it advisable for temperance men of all parties to unite in supporting a temperance ticket ?

## DUTIES OF LODGE DEPUTIES.

(As specified in Commission.)

1.—To receive the Quarterly and Travelling Password Circular and blank Statistical Return Forms from the Grand Lodge, and place the latter in the hands of the Worthy Secretary for him to correctly fill up in due course.

2.—To see that the Officers elected are eligible to hold Office; and require that the Grand Lodge Tax, with the Statistical Return properly filled up by the Secretary and signed by himself and the Worthy Chief Templar and the Seal of the Lodge affixed, shall be placed in your hands prior to the Installation.

3.—To install the Officers of the Lodge when the Returns and Tax have been placed in your hands, and not otherwise; and afterwards communicate the Password to the W. C. T., if he be clear on the books. To also communicate to the W. C. T., W. V. T., and P. W. C. T., the Travelling Password, in order that they may give it to Members drawing Travelling Cards.

4.—To furnish to the Subordinate Lodge, in your capacity as Representative of the Grand Lodge, a receipt for the Tax you receive and to immediately forward such sum, with the Statistical Return Form already accompanying it, and your own Report, to the Grand Worthy Secretary, who will acknowledge receipt of it in the next issue of the official organ of the Order—*The Alliance Journal*.

5.—To forward at the same time that the Returns, &c., are mailed to the G. W. S., a Return Form, properly filled in, to the County Secretary, according to such forms as may be furnished to you from that Officer.

6.—To grant such written dispensations for balloting on Candidates, and the wearing of Regalia in public, as you may deem expedient, on the voted request of the Lodge, as provided by the Constitution.

7.—To confer Degrees upon such Members as have duly applied and are eligible to receive them according to the Constitution, as required by the Grand Lodge; except your Lodge is affiliated to a Degree Temple, or the County Lodge confers the Degrees.

8.—To see that a copy of the Bye-Laws adopted by the Lodge, and all subsequent alterations and additions thereto, be forwarded to the Grand Worthy Secretary for his inspection and confirmation; and also to promptly notify the County Secretary and G. W. Secretary of any change of your residence, or alteration of place, day, or hour of meeting of the Lodge. [NOTE.—It is not legal for a Lodge to remove its location without permission of the G. W. C. T.]

9.—To render to the Lodge such aid and counsel in matters of doubt and difficulty as may be possible, without infringing the rights of the Worthy Chief Templar, who is the chief executive officer of the Lodge. To answer such questions of law and order as may be submitted to you by the Lodge. To consider and decide written appeals from the action of the Lodge only when such appeals shall have been passed through the said Lodge in due form.

10.—To read to the Lodge the official information contained in the circulars sent from the offices of the Grand and County Lodges, and the special notices as they appear from time to time in the official organ of the Order.

11.—To receive and forward all orders for Supplies, with the cash, to the G. W. S., and deliver to the Lodge immediately on receipt of same from the G. W. S.

12.—To act as agent of the official organ—*The Alliance Journal*—in the Lodge, and use every effort to increase its circulation.

13.—To do all in your power to extend and consolidate the Order in your locality by assisting to organize Lodges and Juvenile Temples, visiting young and weak Lodges, delivering addresses on the principles and workings of the Order, circulating temperance tracts, pamphlets, books and papers—especially the "official organ," and prompt and consistent action during Municipal or General Elections.



14.—To inform the Grand Worthy Secretary of any locality where no Temperance Organization exists.

15.—To report all official acts and decisions given by you in your official capacity, and reasons for all dispensations granted, together with a summary of the membership, attendance, labours and prospects of the Lodge, and the extent to which Templar and other temperance publications are patronized by the membership. Such report to be forwarded at the close of each quarter to the G.W.S.

16.—To exercise an oversight over the safe keeping of the ceremonial work, and promptly report any attempt to write or print any part of it or of our unwritten work. To take charge of Charter, Rituals and Cards, if the Lodge ceases to exist owing to arrest or surrender of Charter, and to hold yourself accountable to the Executive Council to return the whole of them on being so directed.

## INDEPENDENT ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS.

### ORIGIN AND GROWTH.

A multitude of organizations have attempted, at various times, to unite all the virtues of society as a barrier against the spread of the evil of intemperance. Many of these, after a short period of success, have failed through some defect in their organization. Still, mankind felt the need of a stronger power to cope with the traffic, and in 1851 the Order of Good Templars sprang up in central New York. Profiting by the errors of the past, and crystallizing the best features of former organizations, it was welcomed for its systematic effort and thorough discipline, and thousands rapidly fell into its ranks. It held its membership of 50,000 during the American Civil war, and, after its close, people rapidly gathered around this nucleus. In 1867 its membership was nearly a quarter of a million, and a year later it was a full half million. Since that date it has spread over Great Britain, the isles of the Pacific, and the continent of Europe, and its pioneer flag is constantly being planted in fresh fields, until to-day MORE THAN THREE QUARTERS OF A MILLION men and women banded together in *twelve thousand* Subordinate Lodges, meeting weekly in almost every part of the civilized world, are engaged heart and soul in "rescuing those, who have sunk low in the scale of human degradation, and restoring them to family friends, and society, as well as saving the young, pure and virtuous from ever falling into the snares of the Tempter." The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was organized in 1867, and the present membership under its jurisdiction exceeds 6000. Its great advantages are cordially commended to those who have a regard for the social, physical, moral or spiritual welfare of mankind.

### ADVANTAGES OF THIS ORDER.

1. A strong, thorough, compact, world-wide organization. A Lodge (one or more) for each town or settlement.

A Grand Lodge for each Province, State or Country. A Right Worthy Grand Lodge for the World.

2. A life-long pledge not to make, buy, sell, use, furnish, or cause to be furnished to others, as a beverage, any spirituous or malt liquors, wine or cider; and, in all honorable ways, to discountenance their use in the community.

3. The education of the young, thus preventing the evil of intemperance; the reformation of the dissipated, thus rescuing the erring. It sustains its weak members, and seeks out those who go astray.

4. Weekly meetings for receiving new members, and for mutual counsel and encouragement. The lodge-room is our temperance home, where is seen the entire family circle around one common altar fully determined to reclaim the fallen and save others from falling.

5. The employment of music, oratory, and literature, as a means of giving interest to our meetings. Also, especially seeking to give members of both sexes facility in the transaction of parliamentary business, thus fitting them for the responsibilities of life.

6. Prominence given to the social and moral elements. Dependence on God for success constantly acknowledged.

7. Perfect equality of the sexes in the labors and honors of the society. Entire absence of caste and sectarianism.

8. The recognition of the ballot as a mighty engine of power in securing the triumph of the Temperance reform. Temperance pre-eminently a political as well as a moral question.

9. Union with, and sympathy for, all individuals and organizations engaged in the work of temperance reform.

10. It is a non-beneficiary institution, its object being to do good rather than to receive pecuniary benefit. Hence, while its entrance fees and quarterly dues are moderate, it is self-sustaining.

11. It has a membership of over three quarters of a million, occupying every continent, and every important island of the globe, and its policy is broad.

12. Though in some respects private, Good Templary is not a secret society. Its aims, plans, principles and

operations are well known. Its members desire the utmost publicity, except in matters where prudence, manliness, kindness and safety require privacy.

13. The ceremonies of the Order are such as to give dignity, impressiveness and permanency to the obligation. They are appropriate in conception, sensible in purport, elevating in tendency, and moral in influence.

14. While seeking to promote activity among its members in all temperance work, it directly contributes to the advancement of order and good citizenship, and strives for the social, physical, intellectual and moral salvation of the people.

15. It is essentially a missionary organization, employing competent lecturers, publishing temperance literature, and forming temperance libraries, choirs, &c.

16. In short, it is an organization having those elements which eminently qualify it to cope successfully with the evil of Intemperance in all its phases. All it needs to make it practically successful is the active co-operation and support of all who love humanity.

MODE OF ORGANIZATION.

Lodges of the order of Good Templars are instituted only by the authority of the Grand Worthy Chief Templar. This authority is conferred upon Deputies by commission. A liberal policy has always been pursued in granting commissions to those who desire to engage in the work. Members of the Order only eligible to commissions. In soliciting names for a new Lodge use the blank form found in another page.

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO DEPUTIES AND OTHERS.

1. Prepay the postage on all communications to this office.
2. When an answer is required (except cash order) please enclose a postage stamp.
3. Do not send cents or silver in letters.
4. Present promptly all official documents to your Lodge.
5. Apply frequently to your Post Office for communications.
6. Register all letters containing money, or send Post Office Order.
7. Send the Returns, Reports, Tax, and all amounts due the Grand Lodge, the morning after the installation of officers.
8. Lodges should supply every member with a copy of the Constitution.
9. Postage Stamps received for sums under \$1.00 only.
10. Cash Orders only will insure goods.
11. Writers must always state name and number of their Lodge, and their Post Office.
12. All stock sent to Officers (unless otherwise stated) is the property of the Lodge.
13. Keep the G. W. S. posted on the condition, progress and wants of your Lodge.

All communications not marked *private*, are to be read aloud in open Lodge, and it is the imperative duty of the Deputy to see that the Lodge takes the required action. We know for a fact that during the past year many Deputies did not even read the circular attached to the pass word,—and hence many Lodges are in the dark in reference to the work, aims and wishes of the Grand Lodge. It is the duty of every Deputy to send a Report of the condition of his Lodge, together with the quarterly Returns PROPERLY FILLED in, and the *per capita* tax to the G. W. S. the morning after he installs the Officers of his Lodge. Unless Deputies attend to this it is impossible for the business of the Grand Lodge to be conducted in a proper manner.

Near the close of each quarter, every Deputy whose Lodge has made returns and is clear on the Grand Lodge books, will receive a copy of the quarterly pass-word for the coming quarter, and also blank return sheets, which are to be properly filled up. No Lodge will receive these unless the previous quarter's returns and tax are in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

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## LIST OF PRICES OF GOODS SOLD BY GRAND LODGE.

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Constitutions, each.....	0 08
Proposition, Financial Secretarys' and Treasurers' Books, each.....	0 50
Seals, per hundred.....	1 25
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Complete set of stock for Juvenile Temples, (including pictures).....	2 50
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Chase's Pamphlet, "Good of the Order," each.....	0 10
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## SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening Ceremonies [Appointments *pro tem.*]
  2. The Roll of Officers will be called.
  3. The W. S. will please read the Minutes.
  4. Are there any Reports of Committees on Candidates?
  5. Balloting on Candidates.
  6. Initiatory Ceremonies [Ritual page 11.]
  7. Recess for Congratulating the new members.
  8. Has the W. S. any Bill or Communications to read?
  9. Has any Member a Friend to propose?
  10. Appointment of Committee on Candidates.
  11. Are there any Monies to collect?
  12. Are any absent Members ill?
  13. Has any Member violated the Obligation?
  14. Report of Committee on absent Members.
  - \*15. Marking attendance of Members.
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| Quarterly. | { | Nomination and Election of Officers, W. C. T.,<br>W. V. T., W. S., W. F. S., W. T., W. C.,<br>W. M., W. I. G., W. O. G.<br>Appointment of W. R. H. S., W. L. H. S.,<br>W. A. S., W. D. M.<br>Reports of Standing Committees [Constitution<br>page 34.]<br>Reports of Officers, W. S., W. F. S., W. T.,<br>W. M.<br>Installation of Officers [Ritual page 34].<br>Appointment of Standing Committees. | } | Last Session<br>in Quarter. in Quarter. |
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| Annually. | { | Election of Trustees [last Session in Oct.]<br>Recommendation of Lodge<br>Deputy.<br>Election of Representatives<br>to Grand Lodge. | } | when notified<br>by G. Lodge. |
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  16. Reports of Special Committees.
  17. Is there any unfinished business?
  18. Calling list of Officers absent last Session.
  19. New Business.
  20. Are there any applications for Degrees?
  21. Has any Member or Visitor anything to communicate for the good of the Order?
- [LECTURES, ESSAYS, DEBATES, &C.]
- Closing Ceremonies [Ritual page 31.]

\* This may be done by the W. S., W. A. S., or other Officer calling the Roll, or else by any of the Guards could keep a record. A ticket or check board would answer the purpose. Some Lodges appoint a Registrar of the same.